

Faithfulness

IN OUR
SPIRITUAL GROWTH

2 PETER | PETUS 1: 3-11



COMPASSION
CHAPEL



- ✓ STILL ALIVE
- ✓ HAS LEAVES
- ✓ LOOKS HEALTHY FROM A DISTANCE



- ✗ HASN'T GROWN MUCH
- ✗ NO FRUIT

HOW MUCH HAVE I GROWN

SINCE BECOMING A CHRISTIAN?



- ✓ Am I more patient?
- ✓ More forgiving?
- ✓ More prayerful?
- ✓ More obedient?
- ✓ More loving?

AM I BECOMING MORE
LIKE JESUS?



SANCTIFICATION

set apart as holy for God



Sanctification is God's ongoing work of making us more like Christ.



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1 THESSALONIANS | THEXALAUNIKES 4:3

“Now I am making you **increasingly like Christ**.
For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**.”

*Vajtswv xav kom nej **ua nej lub neej dawbhuv**,
tsis txhob ua kev nkauj kev nraug kias li.*



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ROMANS | LOOS 8:29

“conformed to the image of his Son.”

*Cov uas Vajtswv twb xub xaiv cia lawm, **Nws muab tshwj rau ibcag** kom lawv **peemtsheej zooli Nws tus Tub**, kom Leejtub thiaj yog tus tij nyob hauv cov ntseeg.*



THE G.R.O.W. CHALLENGE



G

GET into God's Word.

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R

RESPOND in obedience.

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O

OPEN your life to
the Holy Spirit.

Tso Koj Lub Neej Rau
Vaj Ntsuj Plig Ka

W

WALK it out daily.

Nrog Yexus Taug Kev
Txhua Hnub

2 PETER | PETUS 1:3



“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him...”

Vajtswv lub hwjchim uas loj kawg nkaus tau pub txhua yam uas peb cheemtsum rau peb, kom peb ua tau lub neej dawbhuv los ntawm qhov peb paub tus uas hu peb los koom nrog Nws



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JOHN | YAUHAS 17:17



“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

Koj Txojlus yog lus tseeb; thov Koj ntxuav kom lawv dawbhuv los ntawm Koj txoj kev tseeb.

**YOU MUST LEARN TO FEED YOURSELF.
KOJ YUAV TSUM PAUB YUG KOJ TUS KHEEJ.**



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MATTHEW | MATHAIS 4:4



“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that comes from the mouth of God.”

*‘Neeg tsis yog yuav ciajsia los ntawm zaub-mov xwb, tiamsis yog los ntawm **txhua lolus** uas tawm hauv Vajtswv lub qhovncauj los.’*



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WHAT PREVENTS US FROM GETTING INTO THE WORD?



- **BUSYNESS** (*tsis muaj sibhawm*),
- **DISTRACTION** (*kev cuam tshuam*),
- **LACK OF DISCIPLINE** (*kev tsis muaj kev qhuab qhia*),
- **LOSS OF SPIRITUAL HUNGER** (*kev tsis muaj lub siab ntshaw kom loj hlob phab ntsuj plig*).





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**IF WE WANT TO
GROW SPIRITUALLY,
WE MUST FAITHFULLY
FEED SPIRITUALLY.**



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2 PETER | PETUS 1:5

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith...”

Twb yog vimli no ntag, nej yuavtsum ua txhua yam txhua tsav kom ntxiv tau txoj kev ua zoo rau nej txoj kev ntseeg;



PHILIPPIANS | FILIPIS 2:12-13

“Work out your own salvation...for it is God who works in you...”

Nej yuavtsum kubsiab rau nej txoj kev dim txim ...
rauqhov Vajtswv yog tus uas niajhnuv ua
haujlwm nyob hauv nej...



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WHAT PREVENTS OBEDIENCE?

- **FEAR** (kev ntshai),
- **COMFORT** (kev tau zoo),
- **DELAYED OBEDIENCE** (tsis kam mloog lus),
- **SELECTIVE OBEDIENCE** (mloog lus qee yam xwb).





1. YOU'RE SICK

You go to a doctor because you're sick.



2. EXAMINE

The doctor examines you.



3. DIAGNOSE

The doctor diagnoses the problem.



4. PRESCRIBE

The doctor gives you the medicine.



5. TAKE IT HOME

You take the prescription home.



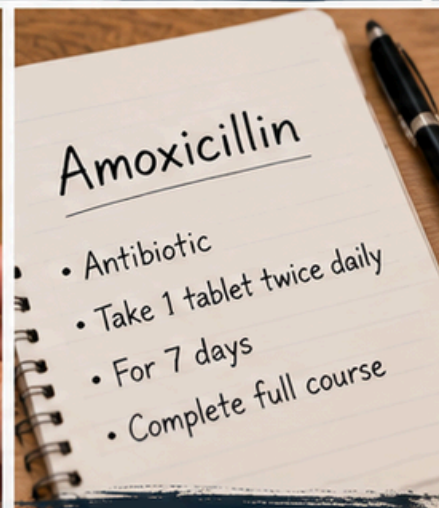
6. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

You read the instructions.



7. STUDY THE LABEL

You study the label.



8. MEMORIZE THE NAME

You memorize the name of the medication.



9. TELL OTHERS

You even tell other people how wonderful your doctor is.



10. BUT NEVER TAKE THE MEDICINE.

You never take the medicine.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH HAPPENS WHEN BIBLICAL TRUTH BECOMES OBEDIENT LIVING.



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2 CORINTHIANS | KAULEETHAUS 3:18



“We all...are being **transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

*Peb txhua tus ... Nws muab peb **hloov** kom peb muaj tus yamntxwv zooli Nws uas tseem yuav ci ntsa-iab zujzus mus.*



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GALATIANS | KALATIAS 5:16



“**Walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

*nej yuavtsum cia **Vaj Ntsujplig ua tus coj nej lub neej**, nej thiajli yuav tsis ua rawsli neeg nqaijtawv lub siab ntshaw.*



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WHAT PREVENTS US FROM OPENING OUR LIVES TO THE HOLY SPIRIT?



- **PRIDE** (kev khav theeb),
- **CONTROL** (kev xav tswj),
- **UNCONFESSED SIN** (kev txhaum uas tsis tau lees txim)
- **FEAR OF SURRENDER** (kev ntshai tsis kam muab lub neej tso rau Vajtswv).







SPIRITUAL GROWTH REQUIRES SPIRITUAL SURRENDER.



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2 PETER | PETUS 1:8

“For if these qualities are yours and **are increasing**, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful...”

*Yog nej muaj tej uas hais no nyob rau hauv nej
thiab tej ntawd **lojhlob zujzus tuaj**, ces yuav ua
rau nej kubsiab thiab tawgpaj txitxiv*



WHAT PREVENTS US FROM WALKING FAITHFULLY?

- **INCONSISTENCY** (kev tsis kub siab),
- **DISCOURAGEMENT** (kev poob siab),
- **COMPARISON** (kev sib piv),
- **COMPLACENCY** (kev txaus siab dhau lawm).



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ONE STEP AT A TIME

You don't walk a mile with one giant step.
You get there through hundreds of ordinary steps.
Spiritual growth happens similarly.



1

ONE
PRAYER



2

ONE
SCRIPTURE
READING



3

ONE ACT OF
FORGIVENESS



4

ONE
SURRENDERED
TEMPTATION



5

ONE DIFFICULT
ACT OF
OBEDIENCE



6

ONE DECISION
TO GET BACK UP.
AGAIN.
AGAIN.
AGAIN.



Until one day
you look back and say:

*"I'm not who
I used to be."*

MORE LIKE JESUS
SPIRITUAL MATURITY
FRUITFUL LIFE



**FAITHFULNESS ISN'T PROVEN
BY HOW STRONGLY WE START,
BUT BY HOW CONSISTENTLY
WE CONTINUE.**



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1 PREPARE
THE SOIL

2 PLANT
CAREFULLY

3 WATER IT

4 WATCH
IT GROW

5 SOMETHING
IS WRONG



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